

CENTRAL ARIZONA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROFILE STUDY

MARCH PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Central Arizona Regional Transportation Profile (CARTP) is analyzing the needs of the state highway system in central Arizona. **You are invited** to attend an open house to express your interests and concerns regarding the transportation issues.

Four Open Houses are scheduled in March, *Please join us!*

Flagstaff

March 1, 2007 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Flagstaff High School Commons 400 W. Elm Street

Sedona

March 6, 2007 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. St. Andrews Episcopal Church 100 Arroyo Pinon Drive

Prescott

March 7, 2007 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mackin Training Room (adjacent to Rodeo Grounds) 840 Rodeo Drive

Cottonwood

March 13, 2007 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Mingus Mountain High School Cafeteria 1801 E. Fir Street The study is one of 11 Regional Transportation Profiles scheduled to be conducted by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). ADOT is conducting 11 regional profile studies across the state in an effort to update Arizona's Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan (MoveAZ). The study results will be used as a decision-making tool for the planning, programming and funding of the transportation improvement projects throughout the state. The CARTP is currently underway in conjunction with the Interstate 40 (I-40) Corridor, Grand Canyon RTP, and the Western Arizona RTP. Additional profile studies are scheduled to begin this spring.

Study Area

The CARTP study area comprises Central Yavapai County, other portions of Yavapai County, Verde Valley and a small portion of Coconino County. The population in the study area is approximately 200,000 residents with approximately 80,000 persons living in the unincorporated areas of the counties. The study area's recent rapid rate of population growth is expected to continue.

The study area contains approximately 277 miles of State Routes (SR) and 99 miles of the Interstate 17 (I-17) corridor.

Route	Portion and Miles within the Study Area	
I-17	Yavapai County line to Junction with I-40	99.2
SR 89	Junction with SR 93 to Junction with I-40	106.0
SR 89A	Junction with SR 89 to Junction with I-17	82.0
SR 69	Entire Length	35.0
SR 169	Entire Length	16.0
SR 179	Entire Length	16.0
SR 260	Camp Verde Eastern Boundary to	22.3
	Junction SR 89A	
	TOTAL	376.5

The area is bound by the Maricopa-Yavapai County line in the south and I-40 in the north (I-40 is not part of this study effort). The westernmost corridor in the study area is SR 89 beginning at US 93 and extending north to the Ash Fork intersection with I-40. The I-17 corridor serves as the eastern boundary of the study area.

Objectives of the Study

The CARTP has two main objectives. One is to analyze the performance of the state highway system in the region to identify needed improvements. The other is to integrate appropriate recommendations from various studies into the CARTP. This study will also indicate where transportation improvements are currently under construction. An example is the upcoming construction of the SR 89/SR 89A Traffic Interchange in Prescott.

Work Performed to Date

Review of Previous Studies

To date, the CARTP consultant has reviewed over thirty recent studies performed by ADOT, various regional agencies, and local communities. There were over 30 projects identified for the area in the 2004 statewide MoveAZ Long Range Transportation Plan and over 25 projects are programmed by ADOT in 2007 through 2011.

Analysis and Inventory

The CARTP consultant has also analyzed existing and projected socioeconomic, environmental, and developmental patterns. Roadway and current and future traffic characteristics have been inventoried.

Preliminary Identification of Issues

Stakeholders have met with the consultant to help catalogue the transportation issues, and the following major issues emerged out of those discussions:

- Funding
- Environmental Concerns
- Access Management
- Identification of Corridors with Performance Deficiencies
- Need for New Corridors
- Development Pressures
- Multimodal and Freight (Rural Transit / Too Little Capacity for Trucks)
- Safety

Next Steps

Following the open houses, the consultant will undertake the project tasks shown below. The final study report for the CARTP is scheduled to be completed by February 2008.

Identify Needs and Deficiencies

Needs and deficiencies will be identified by comparing current highway system conditions to a range of primary performance measures including mobility, reliability, preservation, economic competitiveness, safety, and resource conservation.

Develop Program of Prioritized Projects

A list of candidate improvement projects will be developed using results from statewide models; assessments of performance factors; and input from agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

Second Round of Public Involvement

A second round of public involvement meetings will be held in the fall of 2007 to present the findings, the draft program, and solicit input.

Draft and Final Report

A draft of the final report will be prepared documenting the entire study. The draft will be submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee for review. Once all comments are considered, the final report will document the recommended improvement projects within the study area.

You are invited to attend an open house at any of the locations listed. The CARTP study will be more reflective of the needs of the area if ADOT and the consultant hear from a variety of persons who routinely travel the state highways in the area. While the main purpose is to hear from you, you will also be able to see some analysis results and talk with those who are working on the study. **Please join us.**

Any questions or comments related to the Central Arizona Regional Transportation Profile can be directed to the Arizona Department of Transportation Project Manager or the Public Information Coordinator:

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